

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16753	Agenda Number	93.
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Meeting Date:	8/23/2012	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and receive public comment on the proposed increase to the drainage fee of the Watershed Protection Department as part of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Diane Gonzales, 974-9789; Mike Ihnat, 974-7035
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Environmental Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the proposed increase to the drainage fee. This increase was initially proposed during the FY2009-10 Budget process as part of a series of increases. Although Council approved that plan, the Department did not increase the fee in FY2010-11 or FY2011-12 due to the economic climate. A fee increase is necessary for the Department to maintain a stable transfer to its Capital Improvements Program.

The proposed residential Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) charge for Fiscal Year 2012-13 is \$8.35 per month (an increase of \$.60 from the current rate of \$7.75). The proposed non-residential (commercial) ERU charge for Fiscal Year 2012-13 is \$206.33 per acre of impervious cover per month (an increase of \$14.83 from the current rate of \$191.50).

State law requires that proposed drainage fee increases be published in a newspaper of general circulation three times prior to the public hearing, the first notice of which must be on or before the 30th day before the hearing. The three notices were published on July 20, August 5 and August 15, 2012. Council is scheduled to adopt the 2012-13 Proposed Budget on September 10, 11 and 12, 2012.

